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HEPBURN OF IOWA**The Life Story of the Staunch Friend of Hawaii.**

There is one man in Congress who is a born fighter. There may be others, there probably are several; but there isn't a mother's son of 'em who can stack up beside William Peters Hepburn, late Lieutenant-Colonel, 2d Iowa Cav., and now representing the 8th Iowa District in Congress.

He is a real, simon-pure Colonel, is "Old Pete Hepburn," not one of your courtesies "Colonels," but a man with a record. And what a record! Just think of being particularly commended in General Orders by Gen. Sheridan, Rosecrans, Gordon Granger and a half-dozen others. Why, it is like conning a history of the war to read of the battles Col. Hepburn was in, and the various acts of special gallantry he performed "in the line of duty." Everything that Col. Hepburn does is in the line of duty; you couldn't coax him to do things any other way. He looks on life pretty seriously, yet the quaint streak of humor in him relieves the otherwise brusque sternness of manner which, after all, is the cover to a big heart and a kindness of nature that remains to this day as sweet as the kernel of a nut. Aye, to "this day," and that means a long, long time. Col. Hepburn is not young, though he is 29 years younger in thought and action than dozens of his conferees.

Ohio claims him as her son, proud to be the native State of such a man, but in 1841, when William Peters Hepburn was just merging into his 12th year, his people followed the setting sun over into Iowa, then a Territory, peopled by Indians, squatters, hunters and trappers, the Hepburns going in on that—

"First low wash of waves.

Where soon would roll a human sea."

Listen how he describes his "larkin," please, and you will know at once why he stands four square to the world.

"Educated in the schools of the Territory and in a printing office." No college, no university, could ever have given that boy any more than he got out of that method of education.

The schools of the Territory of Iowa were not much, probably, but they gave him a foundation upon which he built an education in a printing office, and what he knew he knew. Sabe? There wasn't a bit of theorizing in his education.

He got it all by hard knocks in the raw school of experience, where the hide was clawed off of effete theories at every turn of the hour hand on the clock. Then he says in his Congressional biography, "Was admitted to practice law in 1854," and so he "was graduated" in his 21st year.

When treason began to poison the fountains of the Republic, Hepburn, in all the strength of his powerful young manhood, took up the fight for the Flag and for the Constitution. He spoke as one gifted with prophecy, with an eloquence born of fervor rooted in principle, and mightily were the blows he dealt the copperheads who hypocritically prayed for peace and worked for war.

In this school of torchlight campaigns he developed that wonderful voice of his, which in its first great power was like unto the voice that came from Mount Sinai. Clear, round, pure, penetrating, tremendous in volume, it reached right down into the soul, and never let go for a second until you had heard every word he had to say.

But war came, and the time for action with it. William Peters Hepburn enlisted in the 2d Iowa Cav., became a Captain, then Major, and then Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment. And the things that came in between? Ah, there you will find the grit of a man who pioneered in 1841 in the Indian country and practically educated himself. With a daring which one biographer declares was brave and terrible as the charge at Balaklava, under the terrific storm of musketry and masses of cannon, Hepburn led his regiment in his charge at Farmington in front of Corinth, in May, 1862. It was but three minutes long that horrible assault, but it saved Paine's Division, and Hepburn was especially mentioned for gallantry in that seemingly hopeless charge, "where somebody blundered," but not he nor the brave 2d Iowa Cav. Then came luka and the battle of Corinth in the early Autumn, when the 2d Iowa Cav., then with Hatch's Cavalry, was designated by Rosecrans as "the eye of the Army."

Col. Hepburn was given important posts both on the staff of Gen. Sheridan and of Gen. Rosecrans, and January of 1863 found him on the staff of the latter as Inspector of the Cavalry of the Army of the Cumberland, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In February of 1864 he was placed in command of the Second Brigade of the Sixteenth Army Corps.

Out of the service, Col. Hepburn again took up the party work—Republican Party, of course. He had been a Delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1860 from Iowa, and was again elected to that responsible place in 1868 and 1876. He was a Presidential Elector in 1876 and in 1888, and was Solicitor of the Treasury during the Administration of President Harrison. He came to Congress in 1881—the 47th—and served three terms; then there came a hiatus. You remember that Grover Cleveland was President, the first Democratic President in many a long year, and the Democrats were sweeping the country. In the 48th Congress, in 1888, the veterans and their widows fell in love with Pete Hep-

burn. The dependent bill, which subsequently became the Act of June 27, 1890, had been passed by both Houses, but was vetoed by President Cleveland. In season, Chairman of the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, at a mass meeting over the President's veto. All of the veterans among the Representatives stood firmly for this except four—Viele, of New York; Bragg, of Wisconsin; A. J. Warner, of Ohio, and one other. These four made bitter speeches against the bill, and the voices of Warner and Bragg were particularly inspiring. After they had ended Hepburn arose for the other side, and the first notes of his clear, resonant, trumpet-like voice fell gratefully upon the ear. He began, "The gentlemen who have preceded me, like myself, terminate their political careers March 4, next." This brought a general laugh from the crowded galleries, and he continued, "Unlike myself, however, they are now haunting the White House crooking the pregnant hinges of the knee, that thrift may follow fawning." He then proceeded to literally take the hides off Messrs. Bragg, Warner and Viele, at the great delight of the friends of the dependent pension bill.

His seat was filled by a Democrat in the next three Congresses, but by 1893 his district had come to its senses again and Pete Hepburn was reelected, and as has been coming ever since. He has now nearly 19 years to his credit in the National Halls of legislation, and unless he is Ostrichized out of office, will probably stay there till death wants a shining mark, and where will it find a brighter?

Col. Hepburn is known as the hardest worker in the House—with words, you know. Really, it might not be a good thing to run up against his fist, any more than it was his saber in the long ago, but he is not a man of bluster. He just rams facts down your throat till you are choked or cry "enough." The way he sings the solid words in the English language is a terror to the demagogue. There is no embroidery; you never see a frill on any of his speeches—but, hold, that is scarcely true, for no man can better make mental pictures than he—pictures rich in pathos, with a word imagery that is exquisitely fine even to the slightest detail; but it is not often that he is so moved to talk. When some members of Congress talk you know you are going to get whipped syllabus and cream, angel food, and "jell." But when Pete Hepburn talks you know you are going to get rich, juicy old roast beef with trimmings all done to a delicious brown, and something that you can feed your soul on, as well as your mentality. He has a voice that is a joy to hear. It reaches to every part of the big House, and his enunciation is perfect. He never clips a word, nor a syllable. His English is choice, and he displays a wide grasp of all subjects, while his field of literature has evidently been planted with the classics.

When he talks the House listens. He hates hypocrisy and sham; he despises make-shifts and by-ways in legislation. For Civil Service as it is administered he has the profoundest contempt, and his one stock speech is always made against Civil Service.

Just now Col. Hepburn stands pre-eminent in the eyes of the people because of the great Railroad Rate bill which in every detail as presented by him pleased President Roosevelt.

Like most of his kind, Col. Hepburn is gregarious. He loves the company of a whole-souled man; he tells a rarely a good story in a dry way, but there is a twinkle in his hazel eyes which shows that he appreciates humor. He is not a society man. While he wears evening clothes as though to the manner born, he does not like them. He was red-headed once, and freckled away back there when he was drawing his inspiration for the coming years, wading barefoot in the damp lush buffalo grass on the prairies, but his hair is almost white now and thinning just a little where he is going barefoot on the top of his head. "Old Pete Hepburn" is 73 years young, not old, and Iowa will hunt a long time to find his equal when he goes hence. To the veterans he has always been a tower of strength. He has believed in the widest latitude for pensions; his every energy has been bent in that direction.

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**SIBERIA IN AND OUT.**

After a long absence from this port

the Siberia arrived in port early yes-

terday morning after having been an-

chored outside all the previous night.

The Siberia was in quarantine at Yo-

kohama for eleven days, because of a

case of plague in the fire-room. The

Siberia was thoroughly fumigated. The

vessel resumed her voyage to the

Coast at 6 p. m. There were a few pas-

sengers for Honolulu, among them be-

ing Mrs. F. M. Brooks, infant and an-

nah, and Dr. George Augur, who re-

turns from a tour of the Orient.

Among the through passengers is Sir

Ernest Satow, British Minister to

China, who is en route to London; Hon.

Huntington Wilson, charge d'affaires of

the American legation at Tokio, who is

en route to Washington to become

Third Assistant Secretary of State;

Lieut. the Hon. E. Coke, an English

army officer returning home from India;

C. J. Glidden, the Lowell, Mass., man

who is returning from an automobile

tour of the world; Mrs. J. C. Have-

meyer and daughter, en route to New

York from the Orient. Mrs. Have-

meyer had intended to remain over in

Honolulu for a few weeks, but changed

her mind while in Japan and is hasten-

ing home.

The Siberia discharged 700 tons of

freight here and carried away about

40 passengers. Among these were Mr.

and Mrs. C. A. Brown, who are going

to New England for the summer;

George Thielen, the broker, who will

go to a hot springs resort in California

for treatment; W. H. Hoogs and son,

who will go north to Portland for a

visit; Miss Ben Taylor, principal of the

public school at Waiohine, Kau, who

will spend her summer vacation on the

mainland; Mrs. A. W. Pearson, accom-

panied by Miss Margaret Thurston,

who will remain on the mainland for a

few months; R. C. L. Perkins, the en-

tomologist, and wife, who go to Eng-

land.

JAP FUMIGATION METHODS.

An officer of the Pacific Mail steam-

ship Siberia has the following to say of

the methods of the Japanese quaran-

tine service in fumigating vessels:

"We were placed in quarantine at

Yokohama for ten days. We were

moved over to the quarantine station.

A bulk was brought alongside. An offi-

cer came aboard and asked how much

space there was in this and that com-

partment. He was given the exact fig-

ures and he then returned to the bulk

and the fumigating plant was prepared

with just the amount of fumes neces-

sary to fill the compartment. A white

rat, especially bred for the purposes of

the quarantine service, was brought to

the Siberia in a cage. The cage was

hung just within the compartment next

to the porthole through which the

fumigating pipes were thrust. Then the

fumes were pumped in. Once in a

while the sacks enclosing the free edges

of the porthole were uncovered and an

inspection of the rat made. As long as

he was alive the fumes were pumped

in. When he was found dead, the fum-

igation came to an end. That rat was

closer to a little fresh air than any

other rat that may have been in the

compartment, and he lived longer than

others. When he was dead every other

rat was surely dead. And so the fum-

igation went all over the ship, a white

rat being used for each compartment.

Then the Japanese doctors treated us

finely. We were taken by detachments

to the quarantine station grounds every

day for exercise."

SHIPPING NOTES.

The ship Gov. Robie departs for Pu-

get Sound today.

Mail will arrive from the Coast on

the transport Thomas.

The transport Sheridan arrived at

San Francisco yesterday morning from

Honolulu.

James Rudden has been appointed

chief officer of the liner Korea, vice-

Harry Lewis, resigned.

On Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock

the Alameda will depart for San Fran-

cisco with a full passenger list.

For bravery during the Boer War, G.

Palmer, a steward on the S. S. Massa-

chusetts, is said to wear the Victoria

Cross.

Officer Kirchhoff of the German train-

ing ship Herzogin Sophie Charlotte is

also a lieutenant in the German naval

reserve.

In order that people from here may

take in the Hilo races on July 4, the

Kinai will sail from this port Monday,

July 2, instead of July 3.

On her return to the Atlantic, the S.

S. Massachusetts will be converted into

a passenger vessel and ply between

Antwerp, Boston and Philadelphia.

Governor Carter, accompanied by

Rear-Admiral Lyon, U. S. N., will make

an official call on Commodore Haute-

feuille aboard the French Cruiser Cati-

nat at 4 p. m. today.

H. Hertog, an alleged deserter from

the revenue cutter Maaning, was ar-

rested yesterday by Officer Joe Leal.

Hertog was aboard the steamer Massa-

chusetts when arrested, and tried to

make his escape by jumping overboard.

The German training ship Herzogin

Sophie Charlotte will surely depart this

afternoon for Bremen. One reason for

the delay until today was to enable

the ship to get in all its bills and pay

them and leave port with every cent

paid up.

The Siberia took aboard yesterday a

large amount of fresh island meats, as

the officers do not know just what they

may be able to get at San Francisco. A

number of the passengers will board

on the Siberia during its stay in San

Francisco harbor.

The local customs authorities have

made a renewal of the enrollment and

license of the ship Gov. Robie, the same

having expired. These documents are

temporary and are made out here to

enable the vessel to sail to San Fran-

cisco properly registered.

Five European steerage passengers

aboard the S. S. Siberia sent a written

complaint yesterday to Acting-Collector

of Customs R. C. Stackable. They com-

plained about quarantine restrictions